

101st anniversary celebration by Balmoral International Group

A hundred and one years ago, Germany invaded Luxembourg, an occupation which has great effect not only to the Grand Duchy but also to the overall history of Europe. This year's August 2, 2015 marks the start of the World War I and the stories of change, revolution and liberalizations.

As a throwback honorarium to that part of history, Balmoral International Group has researched some of the most valuable information that relates back on those times of, well, for some oppression and for others, revolution.

In an in-depth review of the historical details, International Group Luxembourg team has gathered that the German invasion was, in fact delayed by 12 hours from the time many people claim it to be held. David Heal, a British historian who spent years pouring over the archives of the Grand Duchy's story has agreed of this notion.

In his explanation, Heal stated that the misunderstanding between Britain's reaction to German's invasion of the greater Russia has prompted Kaiser to postpone any advances already prepared with troops. At that time, Luxembourg remains to be a neutral state despite the heating conflict surrounding its walls from its neighbours' France, Germany and the small participation of Belgium.

On August 1, the time when the troops were supposed to attack, a telegram was sent to their fort telling them to hold off.

However, we cannot expect for people on those times to receive a timely message we are accustomed to receive nowadays. One miscommunication erupted when one troop stationed over the border from Troisvierges was not able to receive the message. They invaded on the twilight of August 1, smashed all telegraph operations in a station, then began pulling railroad tracks. When the message was finally delivered, the troops had already ransacked half of the track. No one knows until this day why they have

prioritized ruining the tracks as these are essential since their German brothers would be using those tracks.

Many analysts and historians have expressed their stand against the complaints of invasion saying that Germany was not going for a hostile invasion. They merely want to take advantage of the railroad tracks in order to execute plans to defeat France and other anti-forces.

During the course of the Great war a hundred and one years ago, Luxembourg became the main base of operation of German forces. Since Luxembourg is the centre of the railroad industry and the country is being cautious and neutral in the issue, it became a great camp base by the Germans.

Until this day, Luxembourg has remembered its contribution to the Wars and on how they either benefited or suffered in the hands of their German occupiers.